

1. INTELLIGENCE FROM JÉRÔME
2. JÉRÔME OFFERS TO SUPPLY FRENCH PASSPORTS
3. DIFFICULTY IN SENDING PHOTOGRAPHS
4. MUSE

(1940)

From: LONDON

To: MOSCOW

No: 865

10th Aug, 40

To DIRECTOR.

1. JÉRÔME [JEROME][x] has reported that the British are getting ready to send the General's [ii] troops to DAKAR (French West Africa). The General is against this on the grounds that his troops have no weapons and that they are hardly likely to fight against Frenchmen. The General's entourage are extremely dissatisfied with the British who, although they are paying out [1 group unidentified][a] each month for the troops' maintenance, are nevertheless keeping the whole Movement [B% inactive]. All plans for building factories and bringing in French specialists for British factories are remaining on paper for the present.

2. I came to an understanding with JÉRÔME that he must stay here, come what may. He cannot in the meantime carry out your assignment since there are no people round him with

[63 groups missed][x]

for his/its [C% fall][p]. [B% He will hand over] documentary material [MATERIAL] on the state of the General's air force [AVIATION] here. All this is in French.

4. If you require a French passport in a certain name JÉRÔME can arrange this with the help of the consul here [iii].

5. He cannot send the [1 group unidentified] photographs got ready for you since the British are not letting steamships of the former Baltic States sail from here.

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6. NOBE [MUZA][<sup>14v</sup>] worked yesterday on transmission. You [B] could not be heard] because the receiver is not yet ready.

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BARCH [<sup>2</sup>]

Notes: [a] A figure between 30,000 and 100,000.

[b] The beginning of paragraph 3 is in the passage missed.

[c] Alternatively "lowering", "reduction", "drop", "diminution".

Comments: ✓ [1] ✓ JÉRÔME: André LABARTHE, Director-General of French

Armament and Scientific Research at General DE GAULLE's headquarters till September 1940. See also LONDON's Nos. 741 of 8th July 1940 (3/NHF/T14773), 776 of 17th July 1940 (3/NHF/T1472), 784 of 18th July 1940, 791 of 20th July 1940, 798 of 22nd July 1940, 807 of 24th July 1940, 987 of 6th September 1940 and 2151 of 6th August 1941 (3/NHF/T1477).

[11] The General: General DE GAULLE.

[111] The consul here: Presumably G. BOURGNET. There were also two vice-consuls in LONDON: X. CHARLES and O. BILLBOCOQ.

✓ [14v] NOTE: Unidentified covername. See also MOSCOW's Nos. 5264 (internal) of 30th August 1940, 5839 (internal) of 18th September 1940 and 479 of 20th September 1940; and LONDON's Nos. 767 of 15th July 1940, 816 of 26th July 1940, 876 of 13th August 1940, 949 of 27th August 1940, 987 of 6th September 1940, 1071 of 26th September 1940, 1107 of 3rd October 1940, 1321 of 25th November 1940 (3/NHF/T1618) and 2035 of 31st July 1941 (3/NHF/T1619).

[v] BARCH: Possibly Simon Davidovich KERNER, whose official post was Secretary to the Soviet Military Attaché in LONDON. He was appointed in 1937 and is thought to have left sometime in 1946. The covername BARCH occurs as a LONDON addressee and signatory between 3rd March 1940 and 10th October 1940, after which it is superseded by the covername BRION.